

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 16, 2005, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute at least the invention of Group I, (claims 1, 3-10, 12-14, 16, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 and 33). Applicant hereby cancels claims 38-57 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce such cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that newly added claims 58-69 read on the invention of Group I. Applicant believes that at least the claims 1, 3-10, 12-14, 16, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 33 and 58-69 are thereby elected for prosecution.

Applicant respectfully submits that these newly added claims are supported by the present patent specification.

No claims have been amended, claims 38-57 are cancelled, and claims 58-69 have been added herein. Claims 1-37 and 58-69 are now pending.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2117 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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